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Dear Michigan Supreme Court on Court Rule No. 2003-47,
My husband worked for General Motors for 30 years. He came away from their after giving his best as a good and faithful worker for this company with asbestosis lung disease. He coughs all the time and is on a breathing machine every night. The wheezing in his lungs is heard by myself and many. We walk daily for exercise and he gets winded easily. The company is responsible for this and all who suffer should be held accountable. They know who they are and knew at the time that this dust being breathed into lungs was very much there. I can remember my husband saying he crawled in furnaces with much dust flying around to clean them for the company. No masks were given. Now he suffers. We have lost 2 dear friends to lung cancer due to this problem. My husband and many more could be the next lung cancer victims. Our children and myself were even exposed to the dust brought home on my husband's clothing. We also are victims of this horrific crime, and someone needs to be held responsible. I want my voice to be heard that I am opposed to this constitutional, illegal and politically motivated effort to deny my husband and other working people of their right to a trial by jury. The real crisis in Michigan is the failure of corporations to take responsibility for their bad actions and the willingness of big business and certain conservative republican judges to blame the victims of corporate misconduct instead of holding the corporations accountable. It seems that Michigan and the Michigan Supreme Court are being used as tools of the asbestos industry and big business to deny working people their constitutional rights to jury trials when harmed by corporate misconduct.

Sincerely,

Kristine Diegel